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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

*In re Application of:* James R. Halladay et al.

*Docket No.:* IR- 2763(MH)

*Serial No.:* 09/672,437

*Group Art Unit:* 1774

*Filed:* September 28, 2000

*Examiner:* Kimberly T. Nguyen

*Entitled:* "Composite Shims Having A Laminate Structure"

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March 28, 2003

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 31, 2002, kindly amend the subject application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1 – 22 and 30 – 46 as follows: